.(Public sector bants are protected from disclosing information relating to individual constituents inc tiding the amounts of bad debts written o f and the accounts in which they are writ en off, as also the total quantum of b: d and doubtful debts for which provision has been made to the satisfaction of theii statutory auditors, ir> term$_s$ of the statute governing them, in accordance with th< practices and usages customary among bankers and also in accordance with the f >rms of Balance Sheet and Profit and Lo ig Account prescribed in the Third Schedi !e of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, which all banks are *required* to follow trictly.

Credit against security of shares

*256. SHRI SI RFSH KALMADI: Will th$_e$ Minister < f FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Minister of Finance has recently received a letter from the F1CCI President requesting that th$_e$ commercial banks shoud provide more credit against the security of share$_s$ and debentures;

(b) if so, what ar$_e$ the views of Government on the subject; and

(c) the details f the current level of credit provided a {ainst the security of shares and debentures in comparison to the total credit p ovided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POO. ARI): (a) to (c) The Government have recently received a letter from Federation of Indiau Chambers of Commerc and Industry suggesting measures fo$_r$ 1 ie revival of stock market. One of the suggestions is that more bank credit should he made available against the security *of* shares and debentures. The Resei ve Bank of India (RBI) has already issue 1 instructions laying down guidelines 1 jr deployment of incremental deposits ii loans given against the security of share and debentures. The matter relating to th$_e$ role of hank$_s$ in the development of capital market is reviewed by RBI from time to time, in the light of emerging situation and further measures taken as may be necessary consistent with overall banking and monetary policy.

The Reserve Bank of India has reported that data relating to disbursement of credit by banks is being classified sectorwise and purposewise and no separate classification is made against securitywise disbursement and, as such, th$_e$ percentage of credit provided by banks against shares and debentures in relation to gross credit is not available.

Freight equalisation j„ iron and steel

257. SHRI NARAYAN KAR;
SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE;

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state;

(a) what are the considerations for backing out of the commitment given by Government to phase out freight equalisation in iron and steel; and

(.b) whether the Eastern States which are adversely affected by th$_e$ system were consulted before taking such a far-reaching decision, if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM); (a) and (b) In the light of the representations received from various State Governments, the Government hav$_e$ reviewed the earlier decision to phase out freight equalisation in respect of iron and steel and have decided [t0] refer the matter to the National Development Council.

दूरदर्शन पर अंग्रेजी कार्यक्रम

*258. श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा :
श्री अजीत जोगी :

क्या **सूचना और प्रसारण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दूरदर्शन के "राष्ट्रीय कार्यक्रम" के अंतर्गत दिखाये